Bangladeshi nationals residing in Kendrapara district of Orissa to leave India. The powers to detect and deport foreign nationals under Section 3(2)(c) of Foreigners Act, 1946 have been delegated to the State Governments and, therefore, the State Government can deport illegally staying foreign nationals under the delegated powers.

On receiving a number of representations alleging that these notices had been issued to Indian citizens by wrongly identifying them as Bangladeshi infiltrators, this Ministry directed the Government of Orissa to keep the deportation orders in abeyance and send a detailed report in this regard for consideration of the Ministry. The State Government, in their response, have stated that they are reverifying the claims of alleged Bangladeshi national as Indian nationals.

National Disaster Management Authority

797. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Disaster Management Authority has not so far been provided with staff, office furniture, stationery etc.;

(b) if so, when this nodal agency will be geared up finally to tackle the "after effects of earthquake", etc.; and

(c) how much financial allocation has been made for the NDMA and whether experts have been associated with the Authority?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) 55 officers and staff have been sanctioned for the National Disaster Management Authority. The Authority has also been provided with furniture, equipments and stationery to meet their immediate requirement.

(b) The Government have taken several mitigation and preparedness initiatives to reduce the effects of earthquake. The National Disaster Management Authority has the responsibility to lay down plans and policies for disaster management including earthquakes.

(c) An allocation of Rs. 5.92 crore has been made for the National Disaster Management Authority during the current financial year. Two specialists in the field of policy planning, training and capacity building have already been provided to the Authority.